

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5064  
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - PARA 1. LINE 13 5,000 VICE 50,000

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRN, GB  
SUBJ:BONGO REQUEST FOR ANOTHER DC-8

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING DECEMBER 5 (REPORTED SEPTEL)  
BONGO SAID HE WANTED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER DC-8 FROM U.S.  
I REGISTERED SURPRISE AND RECALLED UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY  
CONNECTED WITH FIRST PURCHASE. HE BRUSHE THIS ASIDE  
AS INCONSEQUENTIAL AND SAID THAT, IF IT WOULD MAKE IT  
EASIER FOR U.S. GOG WOULD PURCHASE PLANE DIRECTLY  
(RATHER THAN THROUGH AFFRETAIR) AND HE WOULD PERSONALLY  
SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS WE WANTED SO THAT NO POSSIBLE CRITICISM  
COULD BE ATTACHED TO US. HE SID PLANE WOULD BE USED  
TO BRING MATERIALS FROM LIBREVILLE TO FRANCEVILLE IN  
CONNECTION WITH SECOND LEG OF RAILROAD AS WELL AS FLY  
CATTLE TO GABON. PRESIDENT SENGHOR, BONGO SAID, HAD  
RECENTLY OFFERED GOG 5,000 HEAD OF SPECIAL BREED OF  
CATTLE. I GAVE BONGO NO ENCOURAGEMENT WHATEVR, BUT  
IN VIEW OF HIS INSISTENCE, COULD DO NO LESS THAN TO  
AGREE TO RELAY REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF PAST DIFFICULTIES, I DO NOT  
RPT NOT RECOMMEND THAT WE HELP GOG ACQUIRE ANOTHER DC-8.  
IN VIEW OF BONGO'S INSISTENCE HOWEVER AND WILLINGESS TO DEAL  
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DIRECTLY WITH U.S. FIRM, IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT GOING TO

BE EASY TO TURN HIM DOWN. PERHAPS BEST SOLUTION WOULD  
BE TO TRY TO SPEED UP DELIVERY OF L-100-30 IF AT ALL  
POSSIBLE (IF ONE IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMPLE FROM SOUTH  
AFRICAN ORDER WHICH WE WILL NOT E FILLING). IN SUCH  
CASE, I COULD ARGUE THAT WITH L-100-30 SOON TO ARRIVE  
GOG WOULD NOT NEED ANOTHER DC-8.

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